

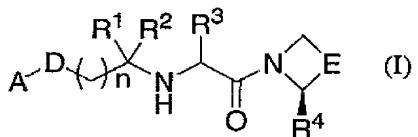
**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Canceled)

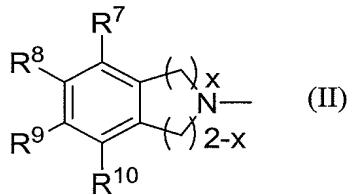
2. (Currently Amended) A compound represented by the general formula (I):



wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted C1-6 alkyl group, or -COOR<sup>5</sup> whereupon R<sup>5</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted C1-6 alkyl group, or R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, together with a carbon atom to which they are bound, represent a 3- to 6-membered cycloalkyl group, R<sup>3</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted C6-10 aryl group, R<sup>4</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or a cyano group, D represents -CONR<sup>6</sup>-, -CO- or -NR<sup>6</sup>CO-, R<sup>6</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted C1-6 alkyl group, E represents -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>- or -SCH<sub>2</sub>-, n is an integer of 0 to 3, and A represents an optionally substituted 6-5-system bicyclic heterocyclic group containing nitrogen in the 5-membered ring of the bicyclic heterocyclic group, with the proviso that A is not substituted with any heteroaryl or heterocyclic group.

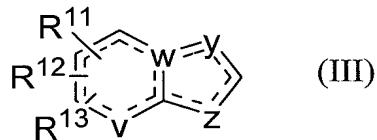
3. (Original) The compound according to claim 2, wherein in the general formula (I), each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> is a methyl group, R<sup>3</sup> is a hydrogen atom, R<sup>4</sup> is a cyano group, D is -CONH- or -CO-, E is -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, and n is 1 or 2.

4. (Original) The compound according to claim 3, wherein in the general formula (I), D is -CO-, and A is a 6-5-system bicyclic alicyclic heterocyclic group represented by the following formula:



wherein x is an integer of 0 to 2, R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, a trifluoromethyl group, an optionally substituted C1-6 alkyl group or an optionally substituted C1-6 alkoxy group.

5. (Original) The compound according to claim 3, wherein in the general formula (I), D is -CONH-, and A is a 6-5-system bicyclic heterocyclic group represented by the following formula:



wherein  $\equiv$  represents a single or double bond, at least one of y, z, v and w is an oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur atom, R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> may be substituted on any hydrogen atoms on the ring, are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxy group, a trifluoromethyl group, a trifluoroacetyl group, an oxo group, an optionally substituted C1-6 alkyl group, an optionally substituted C1-6 alkoxy group, or an optionally substituted C6-10 aryl group.

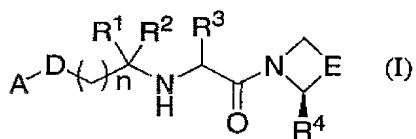
6. (Original) The compound according to claim 5, wherein 1 to 3 groups out of y, z, v and w in the formula (III) are nitrogen atoms, and the remainder is a carbon atom.

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11. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 5, wherein y in the formula (III) is nitrogen atom and each of w, x and z is a carbon atom.

12. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 5, wherein v, w and y in the formula (III) are nitrogen atoms and z is a carbon atom.

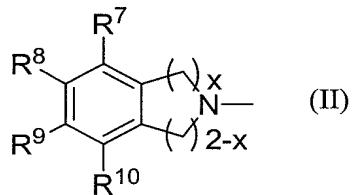
13. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising as an active ingredient a compound represented by the general formula (I):



wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted C1-6 alkyl group, or -COOR<sup>5</sup> whereupon R<sup>5</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted C1-6 alkyl group, or R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, together with a carbon atom to which they are bound, represent a 3- to 6-membered cycloalkyl group, R<sup>3</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted C6-10 aryl group, R<sup>4</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or a cyano group, D represents -CONR<sup>6</sup>-, -CO- or -NR<sup>6</sup>CO-, R<sup>6</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted C1-6 alkyl group, E represents -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>- or -SCH<sub>2</sub>-, n is an integer of 0 to 3, and A represents an optionally substituted 6-5-system bicyclic heterocyclic group containing nitrogen in the 5-membered ring of the bicyclic heterocyclic group, with the proviso that A is not substituted with any heteroaryl or heterocyclic group.

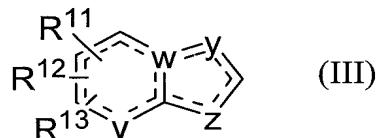
14. (New) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 13, wherein in the general formula (I), each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> is a methyl group, R<sup>3</sup> is a hydrogen atom, R<sup>4</sup> is a cyano group, D is -CONH- or -CO-, E is -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, and n is 1 or 2.

15. (New) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 14, wherein in the general formula (I), D is -CO-, and A is a 6-5-system bicyclic alicyclic heterocyclic group represented by the following formula:



wherein x is an integer of 0 to 2, R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, a trifluoromethyl group, an optionally substituted C1-6 alkyl group or an optionally substituted C1-6 alkoxy group.

16. (New) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 14, wherein in the general formula (I), D is -CONH-, and A is a 6-5-system bicyclic heterocyclic group represented by the following formula:



wherein --- represents a single or double bond, at least one of y, z, v and w is an oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur atom, R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> may be substituted on any hydrogen atoms on the ring, are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxy group, a trifluoromethyl group, a trifluoroacetyl group, an oxo group, an optionally substituted C1-6 alkyl group, an optionally substituted C1-6 alkoxy group, or an optionally substituted C6-10 aryl group.

17. (New) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 16, wherein 1 to 3 groups out of y, z, v and w in the formula (III) are nitrogen atoms, and the remainder is a carbon atom.

18. (New) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 16, wherein y in the formula (III) is a nitrogen atom and each of w, x and z is a carbon atom.
19. (New) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 16, wherein v, w and y in the formula (III) are nitrogen atoms and z is a carbon atom.
20. (New) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 13, which is for treatment of diabetes and/or diabetic complications.